(b) All complaints relating to the functioning of the Government of India are being sent to the designated nodal officers of the rank of Joint Secretary in each Ministry/Department, who have been given responsibility to coordinate such complaints. The concerned Ministries/Departments furnish fortnightly feedback reports to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), cleared at the level of the Administrative Secretary, who is responsible for timebound inquiries and investigations, as necessary. Complaints which relate to the functioning of the State Government officials are forwarded through letters addressed to the Chief Secretary of the concerned State. The State Governments are required to undertake necessary inquiries.

(c) 1611,1043 & 806 complaints of corruption were received and dealt with during the years 1998, 1999 & 2000, respectively by the Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU). Till date, only one pseudonymous and unsigned complaint has been received against PMO official in the year 1998, that too, after he relinquished his charge in PMO. The complaint was filed after necessary inquiry.

(d) All complaints received in ACU have been dealt with as per details in the reply to part (b) above.

Monitoring of erring deputationist by DOPT

3461. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DOPT ensures that when *CVC* advises a Ministry to take disciplinary action against erring deputationst IAS officers serving on Instrumentality of that Ministry, he should either be repatriated/transferred or placed under suspension pending an enquiry;

(b) if so, the details of the relevant provisions; and

(c) if not, the rationale therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Department of Personnel & Training exercises powers of the Disciplinary Authority under the All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969 against IAS officers on deputation to the Government of India. The Administrative Ministry /Department under which IAS officers may be working makes proposals to the Department of Personnel & Training, after obtaining

the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission, for initiating Departmental proceedings. The Ministry/Departmental may also recommend placing the concerned officer under suspension. However, the matter of suspension of the officer/his repatriation to the cadre or initiation of Departmental proceedings is considered and final decision taken, on merits of each case, by the Department of Personnel & Training being the competent authority, under the All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969.

Filling up of SCs/STs vacancies

3462. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that backlog of vacancies reserved for SCs/STs since 1993 have not yet been filled up;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Dr. Ambedkar Birth centenary celebration Committee had recommended to Government to fill up the vacancies; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) In the year 1993, Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebration Committee had recommended removal of backlog in reservation in services. 30259 backlog vacancies reserved for SCs/STs were identified in 1993. Special Recruitment Drives were conducted to fill up backlog vacancies reserved for SCs/STs. Consequently, 15398, 13109 and 8571 backlog vacancies were filled up in 1993, 1995 and 1996, respectively.

Marking of attendance by Gazetted Officers

3463. DR. Y. RADHAKRISHNA MURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are no fixed norms in regard to the marking of attendance by the personal staff and Gazetted Officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to frame/issue any guidelines in this regard?